(*b*) have the Government seen reports of a public meeting heldat Mattancheri recently protesting against such aggressiveness on the part of land-lord candidates at the elections?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) A report was seen published in the *Gomathi*, dated 10th Thulam 1114, about a public meeting which protested against the action of some land-lords in Mattancheri in sending notices to their Verumpattom tenants to vacate their properties.

HOUSE CONSTRUCTION BY ONE THAZHEVEETIL ACHYUTAN NEAR REGISTRY OFFICE, ERNAKULAM— IRREGULARITIES IN.

312. Mr. M. L. Joseph (*Latin Christians-Cranganur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) when was the plan, etc., for the construction of a house for one Thazheveetil Achyutan near the Registry Office at Ernakulam approved by the Municipality;

(*b*) was the construction begun before or after the approval of the plan, etc., by the Municipality;

(*c*) is the construction going on in conformity with the approved plan, etc.;

(*d*) is there not a rule that houses near the road-side can be constructed only 4 feet away from the road;

(*e*) what is the distance on the western side of the house and the foot-path;

(*f*) has sufficient space been left between the house and the foot-path for drainage purposes;

(*g*) will not water-flow over to the centre of the foot-path during rainy days from the house in question as it now stands;

(*h*) has anybody after the approval of the plan, etc., examined the construction in order to see that it is constructed in accordance with approved plan, etc.;

(*i*) is the construction stable enough to have such a height so that there may not be any apprehension of its collapse with consequent damages to the public road or to the nearest compound;

(*j*) if the construction in question is in violation of the provisions of the Municipal Act and Rules; what action is or proposed to be taken in the matter?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) There was no application for construction of a house from Thazheveetil Achyutan in the Ernakulam Municipality.

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(*b*) *and* (*c*) Does not arise in view of the answer to sub-division (*a*).

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) *to* (*j*) Does not arise in view of the answer to sub-division (*a*).

PADDY FIELDS SERVED BY MULLUNGAL CHIRA, KUTTICHIRA AND KOTTAV CHIRA.

313. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(*a*) the acreage of paddy fields served by—

(*i*) the Mullungal chira in Vellattanjur village;

(*ii*) the two iron pipes placed within a short distance of the Mullungal chira;

(*b*) the acreage of paddy land served by—

(*i*) the Kuttichira near the Eluvathingal chira in Eyyal Village;

(*ii*) the two iron pipes through which water passes from Eyyal Thodu to Puthenthodu leading to Kottav chal;

(*c*) the acreage of paddy land served by Kottav chira in Chemmanthatta Village;

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): (*a*) (*i*) 250 acres.

(*ii*) A major portion of the water in Mullungal Chira passes through the iron pipes to Elavathingal Chira. It is not therefore possible to estimate the acreage served by the pipes separately.

(*b*) (*i*) 75 acres.

(*ii*) 450 acres.

(*c*) 60 acres.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Does the Hon'ble Member for Revenue realise that 450 acres are served by two pipes and 75 acres by a chira? I want to bring to the notice of the Government the necessity of having chiras in the place of pipes.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): I am sure the Hon'ble Member for Public Works will note it.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): The question will be considered.

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